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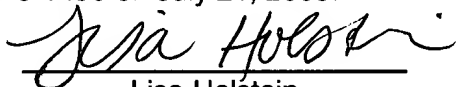
Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated April 22, 2005 on the above-identified patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner allowed claims 94-97, 99-105, and 108-117, now renumbered as 1-21. The Examiner also amended claim 94 and paraphrased applicants' claimed invention, as part of the stated reasons for allowance. Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the need for the amendment or the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the invention as claimed, independent of the most recent amendment or how the invention is paraphrased. Applicants reserve their right to pursue all versions of the claims considered during prosecution, including

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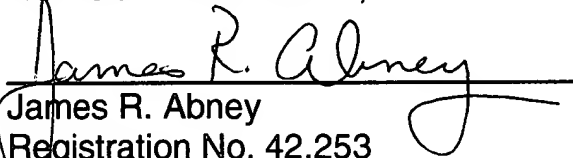
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